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December 2, 2005

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, together with English-language abstracts, are enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in an Official Action in a corresponding Korean application. A copy of the Korean Official Action, which is dated August 31, 2005, is enclosed. An English-language translation of the Official Action is also enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of

a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) is

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such

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